

# INTRODUCTION OF THE FIREARM SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH ACT

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 18, 2013*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Firearm Safety and Public Health Research Act and I commend my colleagues, Mr. MARKEY and the other 31 members who have joined me in sponsoring this bill.

Gun violence is a public health issue and public health agencies should have the ability to develop and pursue violence prevention and mental health research.

Unfortunately, since 1996 a rider to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) appropriations bill has prohibited the agency from conducting high-quality, peer-reviewed research into gun violence prevention. Congress expanded the ban in 2011 to apply to the entire Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

For over 16 years, gun deaths have continued to plague this country while we have restricted any meaningful, government sponsored scientific research on gun violence. We are unable to answer fundamental questions on the underlying causes of gun deaths because special interests and Members of Congress have restricted federal agencies from researching it.

Now is the time to repeal this ban.

The bill I am introducing will do just that.

The Firearm Safety and Public Health Research Act will lift the current prohibitions on CDC and NIH research into firearm safety. Federally-supported public health research would resume at these key agencies to help understand the causes of gun violence and make sure that we are best prepared to address this enormous public health crisis.

Even former Representative Jay Dickey, the Congressman who was instrumental in passing the 1996 ban agrees and is now calling for its repeal.

Congress should not be able to establish politically motivated restrictions on specific areas of research. We have witnessed far too many tragedies as the result of firearms and we need all the data and information we can get to inform policy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

## CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP MODESTO

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 18, 2013*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Leadership Modesto as they celebrate 30 years of leadership education in the Central Valley.

Leadership Modesto was established in 1981 by founding Members Dave Kilby, Jeff Cowan, John Sutton, Connie Bird, Ed Boyle, Stan Hodges, Mike Zagaris and Virginia Bruch. The program was formed through the

Modesto Chamber of Commerce to identify new potential Modesto leaders and to provide a ten-month program that will develop knowledge and understanding of the community—its complexities and its potential. The program also provides an opportunity for participants to meet and exchange ideas with each other and current community leaders, and to motivate and encourage participants to assume leadership roles in community affairs.

Leadership Modesto has turned out graduates such as Former Mayor James Ridenour, current Mayor Garrad Marsh, current Vice Mayor Stephanie Burnside, Modesto City Council Members Joe Muratore and Dave Cogdill Jr., and Sheriff Adam Christianson to name a few. Some of the community efforts and accomplishments—established Bette Belle Smith Day, upgraded playground equipment at JFK Elementary School, clothing drive for Professional Dress, and raised money for Camp Taylor.

The program also provides an opportunity for its members to connect, discuss and exchange ideas with each other and current community leaders, and to motivate and build strong minded leaders to assume leadership roles in our community.

Leadership Modesto is building our future and celebrating our past. Leadership Modesto is men and women with a sincere commitment, motivation and interest in serving the community. During the ten month program, members expand their understanding of Modesto and Stanislaus County through exposure to community issues many may not otherwise have the opportunity to explore at the same time enhancing leadership and management skills, and develop close relationships and mutual concerns with other class members.

Even during a down economy, the Leadership Modesto program continues to inspire public and private sector interest and participation. One of the key successes to the longevity of the Modesto program is the program leadership infrastructure—led by a committed group of Steering Committee members. Each Steering Committee member has a direct connection with one of the day topic planning teams. This direct connection enables the program to move quickly, to mobilize and respond to challenges and changes.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Leadership Modesto for 30 years of delivered premier leadership training for Modesto. More than 500 graduates pepper business and industry, elected offices, as well as non-profit volunteer boards and organizations. It's our community's succession plan.

## RECOGNIZING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLES AT THE RIVER RAISIN AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE BATTLES DURING THE WAR OF 1812

**HON. TIM WALBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 18, 2013*

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, rise today to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Battles at the River Raisin and pay tribute to the members of the United States Armed Forces who died during this conflict. For six

days in January of 1813, U.S. soldiers fought against British forces for control of Michigan and the lower Great Lakes in a town formerly called Frenchtown, now known as Monroe.

The battle was the largest ever fought on Michigan soil. Out of more than 900 members of the United States Armed forces who fought in it, only 33 escaped death or capture. So many lives were lost that "Remember the Raisin" became the galvanizing battle cry for the remainder of the War.

The battlefield is a Michigan State Historic Site and has been placed on the National Register of historic places. In October 2010, the River Raisin Battlefield became part of the National Park System and remains the only National Battlefield Park representing the War of 1812.

Today I am introducing a resolution to commemorate the bicentennial of the Battles of River Raisin and to thank those who work so hard to preserve the significance of the battles for future generations. The collaborative efforts of the Monroe County Historical Society and Commission, the City of Monroe, the staff of the National Park Service and the Battlefield Visitor Center will assuredly result in a memorable remembrance of the anniversary this coming weekend.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Battles of River Raisin and recognize those who gave their lives fighting for our country.

## TRIBUTE TO YOLANDA CARILLO

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 18, 2013*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community are exceptional. Corona and Norco have been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Yolanda Carillo is one of these individuals. On January 19, 2013, Yolanda will be honored as the "Citizen of the Year" at the Greater Corona Valley Chamber of Commerce Installation and Awards Gala.

Yolanda holds a dual Masters of Science degree in Organizational Leadership and Community Psychology, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services. She previously taught at a four year college institution and is a proud holder of a Child Development Program Administrator Certificate. Currently, Yolanda serves as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Corona-Norco Family YMCA, a post she has held since 1997. She is a highly motivated community builder and hardworking professional with proven administrative and organizational abilities. Yolanda is an effective leader with a natural ability to organize the efforts and goodwill of others. She is an enthusiastic team builder who enjoys the challenge of researching and analyzing to find viable solutions to improve the lives of our children, families and communities.

Yolanda's vision has grown from one YMCA site with 12 employees to today's YMCA of nine program sites with more than 85 employees. At the same time, she has assisted children who live in poverty by securing grants